

MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL MEETING

Iron County Southwest Center
245 East 680 South, Cedar City

Tuesday September 21st, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Barbara Robinson

Commissioner D. Maloy Dodds
Mr. Arthur Cooper
Ms. Deon Alvey

Commissioner Lois L. Bulloch
Ms. Marsha Perkins
Ms. Minnie Pittman

Commissioner Dan Hulet
Mr. Craig Hansen

Commissioner James Eardley

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Sherri Dial
Ms. Jane Lewis
Ms. Brenda Mckee
Ms. Rita Osborn

EXCUSED:

Ms. Cary Faye
Ms. Stephanie Hagberg
Dr. Kent Heideman
Commissioner Donald J. Willden
Mr. Wallace Gibson

REPRESENTING:

Beaver Community Rep.

Garfield Co. Commissioner
Garfield Co. Community Rep.
Garfield Co. Low Income Rep.

Iron County Commissioner
Iron County Community Rep.
Iron County Low Income Rep.

Kane County Commissioner
Kane County Low Income Rep.

Washington Co. Commissioner

Five County Staff
Five County Staff
Five County Staff
Utah Center for Rural Health

Beaver Co. Low Income Rep.
Washington Co. Low Income Rep.
Washington Co. Community Rep.
Beaver Co. Commissioner
Kane Co. Community Rep.

The Human Services Council Meeting was held at Iron County Southwest Center, 245 East 680 South, Cedar City, on Tuesday, September 21st, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Marsha Perkins welcomed all in attendance and declared there was a quorum.

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 13th, 2010 MEETING

Ms. Minnie Pittman Made a correction to the minutes to change the meeting date to the originally scheduled date, September 14th and not the actual date the meeting changed to, September 21st.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ART COOPER TO APPROVE THE JULY 13TH MINUTES, SECONDED BY MS. MINNIE PITTMAN.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

VIII. UTAH RURAL HEALTH PRESENTATION

Ms. Marsha Perkins invited a motion to move agenda item VIII the Utah Rural Health Presentation to the first agenda item.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DODDS TO APPROVE THE CHANGE IN AGENDA, SECONDED BY MS. BARBARA ROBINSON.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Rita Osborn with the Utah Center for Rural Health is based at SUU and works with rural communities to help with health issues that “fall through the cracks”. Ms. Osborn explained to the council about the community clinics and how the CSBG funds assist these programs. The community clinic began about 8 year ago providing basic health care for individuals who are low-income.

This year the St. George Community Health Center is now running the Cedar City Community Health care center. They are a federally funded national network of medical and dental services. St. George Community Clinic open a second location at the Millcreek High School and as of July 1 took over management of the Cedar Clinic. The hope is that the Cedar Clinic becomes a full community health care center with more services that allow it to be a medical home for the clients.

Ms. Osborn explained that the CSBG funds Rural Health receives are now focused on services in the rural areas such as Beaver and Garfield Counties. The clinic in Beaver is open on Tuesdays and has partnered with a couple of local dentists. The Clinic in Garfield County provides medical but does not have dental. The dentist would not accept Medicaid. Rural Health also has a prescription assistance program. The client can receive discounts up to 50% on prescriptions at Smith's.

Commissioner Eardley asked Ms. Osborn why Southwest Public Health Department and the Community Health Center are not combined. Ms. Osborn explained that the Community Health Center receives Federal Government funding and is a 501 (C) 3. Ms. Osborn informed that only 25% of the funding for the Community Health Center is from the Government. Ms. Osborn commented that IHC has a sliding scale for low income patients if a doctor is willing to work with them. The Public Health Department is tasked with prevention services and Community Health Centers which is designed to be a medical home for low-income individual. The funding is based on federal appropriations for specific objectives.

III. HUMAN SERVICE PRIORITIZATION OF NEEDS

Ms. Sherri Dial asked all members to comment on the needs for low-income individuals and ending poverty in the area that are a priority in each of the counties. Ms. Dial handed out a copy of the Public Forum summary packet for each individual county. The Council felt that employment is the number one top priority. Ms. Pittman commented that economic development should be a priority. Commissioner Hulet commented that transportation is not going to be effective in Kanab because of the distance. Ms. Marsha stated that CSBG money could make a difference with helping Kane County have better transportation. Ms. Pittman commented that individuals need to become more aware of their communities elected officials. Commissioner Bulloch commented that there is a program being initiated through SUU to train students to work in green energy jobs. The Solar Farm that is coming to Dammeron Valley will bring in more jobs. Commissioner Eardley commented that Education and Health Care should be a priority. Commissioner Hulet commented that affordable housing is an important issue. Commissioner Hulet expressed that having employment help to alleviate the majority of the other needs. The council agreed that employment should be top priority.

1. Employment
2. Transportation
3. Affordable Housing
4. Low-Cost Energy
 - Job Training/Pre-employment Skills
 - Economic Development
 - Affordable Housing
 - Health Care
 - Information

IV. ARRA FUNDING OVERVIEW

Ms. Jane Lewis distributed a summary of how the ARRA money was spent and the services that was provided. Ms. Lewis explained that there were 13,222 individuals that received supports and 2,471 episodes of Support Service Case Management. There were 367 individuals that received pre-employment training and 922 obtained employment. Ms. Dial announced there were 482 people that received GED's or improved literacy skills and 355 individuals received dental or health services. Ms. Lewis informed there were 1,923 income tax returns completed for a total of \$3,106,888 refunded. There were 427 individuals that signed up and became Utah Savers. Ms. Lewis announced that 17,273 Emergency Food Boxes distributed equaling 1,320,000 pounds of food. \$30,000 went into the internship program and most of the ARRA money went to hire case managers to help individuals get connected to the services they need to become self-reliant.

V. INTERNSHIP OUTCOMES

Ms. Jane Lewis gave some handouts of the final numbers that were completed with the internship program. Ms. Lewis informed there were a total of 116 participants. Ms. Lewis explained that 50 were scholarships to Adult High, 13 were scholarships for Certified Nursing Classes and 53 were internships. The average cost for all of the participants was \$264.30 dollars. Ms. Lewis explained that 41% obtained permanent employment following the internships. 100% with the CNA class's scholarship provided employment for the individual. 95% of the intern positions were implemented with private businesses. Ms. Lewis stated that the internship program was funded with

temporary stimulus funds and has now been completed.

VI. HISTORY OF POVERTY WORKSHOP

Ms. Barbara Robinson informed the council about the History of Poverty Workshop. Ms. Robinson explained that the workshop talked about the history and political structure of CSBG funding. Every time administration changes within the Government the Community Action Partnerships budget is reconsidered. Ms. Robinson commented that Community Action Partnerships will continue to change. Community Action is the only government program that is tasked with ending poverty. Many of the programs provided or created through Community Action Programs have become stand alone program i.e., Head Start and Job Corps. Ms. Perkins commented that Head Start programs in many parts of the state and country are administered by Community Action agencies and most of the Community Action programs coordinate volunteers to help with their goals.

VII. HUNGER CONFERENCE REPORT

Ms. Dial explained to the council about the Hunger Conference that took place September 14th and 15th. Ms. Dial explained that there was a Civil Rights Training that all pantry providers are required to have. The training describes what information pantry staff are not required to gather about a customer and how to treat customers when they come into the pantry to receive service. Ms. Brenda McKee announced to the council about the new Utah Food Bank data collection website. All data collection from the food pantries is input onto the new website reporting system. Ms. McKee also explained there was a lot of information and resources received at the Hunger Conference to give to all of the case managers at the food pantries.

IX. OTHER

Ms. Perkins announced about the Health Reform Nuts & Bolts meeting that will take place on September 23rd. Ms. Perkins announced that Dave Clark will be the speaker and will present general information about the new Health Care Reform.

Ms. Sherri Dial announced that the Human Resource Directory is almost finished being updated. Ms. Dial showed the council some copies of the directory and asked them to look at them. Ms. Lewis handed out a flyer about the open house that the Dixie Care & Share is having. The Director of Dixie Care & Share Ruben Garcia is holding an open house to inform the public about all the services the pantry provides.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next Human Service Council meeting will be held November 9, 2010 at the Five County Association of Governments Building, 1070 W. 1600 S. Bldg B, St. George, UT 84770 at 10:00 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURN

Ms. Perkins invited a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MINNIE PITTMAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BULLOCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY